

III. Amendments to the Specification

(Paragraph on page 5, line 11)

The closing off an opening up of the chamber can be by simple displacement of the plunger i.e., the chamber has an opening of such dimensions at the side of the plunger that, when the plunger is pulled back to behind the chamber (i.e. is pulled to the rear end of the device, by which is meant the end facing away from the needle), an implant contained within the chamber will automatically fall into the plunger channel. It is also possible to make use of other forces than that of gravity, e.g. by providing the chamber, at the side facing away from the channel, with an elastic means such as a spring, which pushes the implant against the plunger when the chamber is closed off, and which makes the implant be pushed from the chamber into the channel when the plunger has been pulled back. Other means for the closing off of the chamber than just the plunger can be provided. Thus, other possibilities include a chamber closed off by an additional closing means, such as a door 10 which automatically or manually opens upon full withdrawal of the plunger, or any suitable mechanical, electronic or optical means steering the opening up of the chamber so that an implant contained therein can be displaced into the channel on or after the moment that the required space therein has become available by withdrawal of the plunger.

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